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SUBJECT: TRANSPORT OF OUTSIZED CARGO

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1. TWO BRITISH FIRMS HAVE APPROACHED US TO INQUIRE AS TO AVAILABILITY AND/COST OF C-5 AIRLIFT OF OUTSIZED CARGOES TO REMOTE AREAS.

2. THE FIRST, HUNTING GIBSON AIRCHARTERING OF LONDON, HAS WRITTEN US THAT IT IS TRYING TO LOCATE AN AIRCRAFT TO CARRY A DESALINATION PLANT TO MASIRAH, OMAN IN APRIL 1975. THE PLANT, WHICH IS BEING MANUFACTURED IN FRANCE UNDER CONTRACT FROM BRITAIN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, REPORTEDLY IS TOO LARGE AND HEAVY (66,500 TONS, 102.3 CUBIC METERS) TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN USE. THE FIRM STATES THAT SURFACE

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TRANSPORT CANNOT LIFT THE LOAD TO MASIRAH BETWEEN COM-

PLETION OF MANUFACTURE AND THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON
AT THE END OF APRIL.

3. THE SECOND FIRM, EMG AIR SERVICES OF MAIDENHEAD, HAS
ASKED FOR A QUOTATION ON TRANSPORTING FOUR MOBILE TELE-
PHONE EXCHANGES OF TWO UNITS EACH TO NEPAL, CALI, KUALA
LUMPUR AND BOGOTA. EACH UNIT MEASURES ABOUT 40 FEET X
8 FEET X 9 FEET AND WEIGHS 15,000 KG AND CANNOT EASILY
OR PRACTICALLY BE BROKEN DOWN FOR OCEAN SHIPPING OR RE-
ASSEMBLED THEREAFTER. THE FIRST SHIPMENT, FOR NEPAL,
WILL BE READY IN JANUARY 1975.

4. DOD POLICY PERMITS NON-DOD TRAFFIC TO BE MOVED BY
C-5 AIRCRAFT IF CERTIFIED BY THE HEAD OF A FEDERAL DEPART-
MENT OR AGENCY AS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND IF COMMER-
CIAL TRANSPORTATION IS UNAVAILABLE. THE LATTER SITUATION
APPEARS TO APPLY; ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY DESIRE TO COMMENT
ON FORMER POINT, WHICH IS BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO ASSESS.

5. EMG SAYS IT HAS HEARD THAT SEVERAL C-133A CARGO-
MASTERS MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CIVIL REGISTER FOR
COMMERCIAL CHARTER WORK. THEY BELIEVE C-133A'S, IF AVAIL-
ABLE, COULD MEET THEIR NEEDS AND REQUEST ANY INFORMATION
WE MAY HAVE ON THESE AIRCRAFT AND WHOM THEY SHOULD CON-
TACT RE POSSIBLE CHARTER. IT HAS TRIED LEASE AEROSPATIALE
SUPER GUPPY BUT HAS BEEN TOLD AIRCRAFT ARE BEING FULLY
UTILIZED ON CONCORDE PROJECT.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON AVAILABILITY C-5S FOR FOREGOING
PROJECTS AND, IF POSITIVE, ROUGH MAGNITUDE OF LEASING
COSTS. ALSO REQUEST ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR DOD
MAY HAVE ON STATUS OF C-133A'S.

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